MINUTES

OF THE

EV. LUTHERAN SYNOD,

AND

MINISTERIUM

OF

NORTH CAROLINA.

CONVENED AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CABARRUS COUNTY, N. C.,
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MINUTES.

Pursuant to a resolution of last Synod, the Ministers and Delegates composing the 43rd. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, assembled at St. John's Church, Cabarrus county, N. C., May 4th, 1849. The Secretary, in the absence of the President, preached the Synodical sermon from II. Timothy, iv, 5. After which the members of Synod present, were called to order with singing and prayer by the President, *pro tem.*

The roll was called and the absentees noted.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAMES.	ADDRESS.
Rev. J. D. SCHECK,	*Lutheraville, Rowan county, N. C.,*
" WM. ARTZ,	*Holt's Store, Allamance* " "
" SAM'L. ROTHROCK,	*Rockville, Rowan* " "
" BENJ. AREY,	*Statesville, Iredell* " "
" WM. G. HARTER,	*Concord, Cabarrus* " "
" J. CRIM,	*Mocksville, Davie* " "
" J. A. LINN,	*Rockville, Rowan* " "

LICENTIATES.

Rev. J. GRIESON,*	*Clapp's, Guilford* " "
" A. GRIMES,*	*Wilkesboro', Wilkes* " "
" J. SWICEGOOD,*	*Browntown, Davidson* " "
" J. H. COFFMAN,†	*Salisbury, Rowan* " "
" B. N. HOPKINS,‡	*Salisbury, Rowan* " "

*Absent. †Absent, but afterwards arrived. ‡Received at this meeting.

The following Lay-Delegates presented their credentials of appointment to this Synod, and took their seats.

CHRISTOPHER MELCHOR, Esq.,	*From Rev. J. D. Scheck's charge.*	
HENRY KIME,	"	*Wm. Artz's* "
P. A. SEAFORD, Esq.,	"	*S. Rothrock's* "
JOHN BARRINGER,	"	*B. Arey's* "
MATTHEW BARRINGER,	"	*Wm. G. Harter's* "
SOLOMON SEAFORD,	"	*J. Crim's* "
JACOB FILE,	"	*J. A. Linn's* "
MOSES L. BROWN,	"	*J. H. Coffman's* "
DEWALT HARKEY,	"	*B. N. Hopkin's* "

Bro. B. N. Hopkins, now made his appearance among us and was invited to a seat as an advisory member.

The ex-officio President now made his Report, which was accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN: In consequence of the removal of the President out of the bounds of our Synod, it is made obligatory upon the Secretary to discharge the duties of that office until the vacancy be filled. Once more have we convened as a Synodical body, by the kind providence of God, who hath "crowned our lives with good." To him let grateful incense arise from every heart, that our lives are spared, and peace and prosperity now smile upon us. But we are under renewed and sacred obligations of gratitude to the great Head of the church for the special out-pourings of his spirit upon several congregations connected with this Synod. The revivals of religion in St. Michael's, Iredell county; St. John's, Cabarrus; St. John's, Salisbury; and St. Matthew's and Luther's, Rowan, during the closing year, is perhaps unprecedented in the Lutheran church, in North Carolina.

Protracted meetings have proved a great blessing to the church from the earliest ages, and they are now loudly called for in all our congregations.

I deem it proper to direct the attention of Synod to a clause of our constitution adopted at our last meeting, which gives the Synod power "to form and change ministerial districts"—and to inquire whether the time has arrived when any material changes can be effected, promotive of greater good to the churches?

A letter was received on the 3rd of February, from Rev. J. H. Coffman, asking leave to resign his church in Salisbury, which, for the reasons assigned, was granted.

A communication from the Rev. J. B. Anthony, dated March 14th, 1849, has also come to hand, and as there is an important item in it, requiring the action of Synod, in due time it shall be laid before you.

As I do not deem it expedient for me, under existing circumstances, to recommend any special measures to the consideration of your venerable body, I close

this hasty letter with a devout petition to the throne of Grace, that God may smile upon us, in all our present deliberations, and graciously direct us in our future labors in his vineyard, and finally with all our churches may we be gathered to our fathers in peace, and forever in heaven share the reward of the righteous

Amen. WM. G. HARTER, *Pres. pro tem.*

The Synod being now duly organized, proceeded to an election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows :

Rev. BENJAMIN AREY, *President.*
" J. A. LINN, *Rec. Sec.*
" WM. G. HARTER, *Cor. Sec.*
Mr. MATTHIAS BARRIER, *Treasurer.*

Bro. James A. Brown, corresponding delegate to this body from Western Va. Synod, was introduced to this Synod, and invited to a seat among us.

Bro. Jacob Scherer, also from the Western Va. Synod, was introduced and received as an advisory member of this body.

By motion, the Minutes of our last session were referred to the committee on unfinished business.

All letters, papers, petitions, &c., intended for Synod, were now called for and referred to appropriate committees, as follows :

1. *Committee on President's Report and other Papers.*—Rev. Wm. Artz, and J. A. Brown, and C. Melchor, Esq.

2. *Committee on Petitions and Vacancies.*—Rev. J. Crim, and P. A. Seaford, Esq.

3. *Committee on Unfinished Business.*—Rev. S. Rothrock, and J. Crim.

4. *Committee on Finance.*—Rev. J. D. Scheck, and Messrs. John Barringer and Solomon Seaford.

5. *On the State of Religion.*—Rev. Messrs. Wm. G. Harter, S. Rothrock and Jacob Scherer.

A letter from Bro. J. B. Anthony, a member of this Synod, but who has removed into the bounds of the Synod of S. Carolina, requesting the necessary credentials, wherewith to connect himself with the latter Synod, was received and read, when it was—

1. *Resolved*, That Bro. Anthony's request be granted, and that he be furnished with proper credentials.

A letter was received from Bro. J. C. Hope, corresponding delegate from South Carolina Synod to this body, and was read. Whereupon it was—

2. *Resolved*, That Bro. Hope's letter be laid on the table for future action.

3. *Resolved*, That we have heard with pleasure the letter from brother Hope, and feel truly gratified with the sentiments of continued kindness and sympathy manifested for us as a body; but regret very much, that we have not the pleasure of seeing that bro. among us.

Bro. Harter, whose duty it was made to procure certain Ordination and Licensure Certificates, now stated that he had attended to that duty. The Certificates were presented, and received by Synod.

4. *Resolved*, That Bro. Harter receive the amount of $1 89 cents, the cost of said Certificates.

5. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn until to-morrow morning, nine o'clock.

Closed with prayer by bro. Rothrock.

SECOND SESSION.

Saturday, May 5th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Deruelle, General Agent of the American Bible Society. The roll was called, the minutes of yesterday read, amended and confirmed.

The Rev. Mr. Deruelle was now introduced to Synod and received as an advisory member.

Bro. Harter now handed in his report as Missionary in Catawba county, N. C., which was read and received.

Report No. 1.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

Dear Brethren: In pursuance of the arrangement made at our last Synod, in relation to our church in Catawba, I have endeavored to discharge the duty imposed upon me. I have devoted half of my time to our brethren in that county, preaching alternately at Newton and St. Paul's. And although my success has not been as encouraging as I could have desired, yet something has been done for the up-building of a congregation. Seven members have been received by confirmation, and a goodly number of scattered members have given their names as regular communicants, making in all about forty-five.

Other denominations, particularly our German Reformed brethren have manifested towards me a kind, hospitable, and Christian spirit; and from the increased attendance latterly, it is believed if our efforts can be followed up, we shall have the pleasure to see the work of the Lord prospering in our hands. May the dews of heaven water the seed sown.

WM. G. HARTER.

Adopted.

The committee on the President's Report, and other papers, now reported.

Report No. 2.

The committee to whom was referred the President's Annual Report, beg leave to submit the following:

1st. The visitations of the Divine Spirit vouchsafed to several congregations in our connection, during the past year, and the Grace of God so manifest in the recent awakenings and revivals among our people, demand the most grateful re-

joicings and cordial thanksgivings to the Great Head of the Church. "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us; but unto thy great name be the praise."

2d. That the out-pourings of the Spirit upon the Church may be yet more abundant, and that our eyes may behold the blessed fruits of a revival, universal, deep and abiding, should be the subject of most unceasing and earnest prayer to God by the Church. "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years; in the midst of the years make known, in wrath remember mercy."

3d. The passage in the Report which refers to Rev. J. H. Coffman's resignation of the church in Salisbury, we recommend to the consideration of the Ministerium.

4th. Your committee recommend the adoption of the Report, and that it be printed with the minutes.

WM. ARTZ,
J. A. BROWN,
C. MELCHOR, Esq.

Adopted.

The Parochial Reports were now called for and handed in, which are as follows:

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations,.....	Baptisms. Adults,..	Baptisms. Infants,....	Confirmations,.....	Admissions,.....	Communicants,.....	Restorations,.....	Dismissions,.....	Expulsions,.....	Burials,.....	Death of Members.....	Sunday Schools,.....	Scholars,.....	Prayer Meetings,.....
Rev. J. D. Scheck,...	2	64				470		10	2		10			
" Wm. Artz,.....	4	36	2	5	3	165				17				
" S. Rothrock,.....	2	39	3	51		510				9	3			
" B. Arey,.....	1	15	5	9	5	110	2	1	3	1	1			1
" Wm. G. Harter,.	4	31		30	4	322		2		5	5			
" J. Crim,.....	3	2	1	3	5	100				5		1	20	
" J. A. Linn,.....	3	33	5	20		169	3	3	2	11	5			1
" J. H. Coffman,....	2	18	4	35	10	231		6	1	4	1	1	60	2
" B. N. Hopkins,....	2	9				138				1				
" J. B. Anthony,..		17	2	14						6				
Total,....	23	264	22	167	27	2215	5	22	8	59	25	2	80	4

6. *Resolved*, That the President appoint a committee, whose duty it shall be to receive all Synodical contributions, pay them over to the Treasurer elect, and take his bond.

Committee: Messrs. C. Melchor and P. A. Seaford.

The Treasurer of Synod now handed in his report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Report No. 3.—TREASURER OF SYNOD.

Matthias Barrier, Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, would respectfully report as follows:

Balance in my hands at synod of 1848, - - - -	$44 03¼
Contributions at last synod, - - - - - -	42 71¼
Contributions received since last synod, from Rev. J. A. Linn's charge, - - - - - - - - -	5 15
Interest on moneys loaned, - - - - - - -	2 00
Total, - - - - - - - - -	$93 90
Contra.	
Paid, by the direction of Synod, to Bruner & James for Printing Minutes, - - - - - - - - -	45 00
Balance due synod, - - - - - -	$48 90

MATTHIAS BARRIER, Treasurer.

The number and state of vacant congregations were next inquired into. Verbal statements were made by several of the brethren in reference to vacancies in Catawba and Davidson counties. But there being no motion before this body. it was—

7. *Resolved*, That the further discussion of this subject be postponed until next session of this Synod.

Bro. Coffman now arrived in our midst, rendered in his excuse for not attending sooner, which was satisfactory, and took his seat.

Bro. M. L. Brown, lay-delegate from bro. Coffman's charge, now presented his certificate, and took his seat.

The Rev. J. B. Crist, a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Illinois, and General Agent for the Theological Seminary at Hillsboro, was introduced and invited to a seat among us as an advisory member of this body.

8. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn until Monday morning, nine o'clock, A. M.

Closed with a benediction.

At 12 o'clock the congregation having assembled, the Rev. Mr. Deruelle, General Agent of the Bible Society, preached from Isaiah,

xliii, 4. Immediately after which a collection was taken up in behalf of said Society.

After a short recess, brother Jacob Scherer preached a sermon from Gal. vi, 9.

At night, brother J. A. Brown preached to a very attentive congregation.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

At nine o'clock, a prayer meeting was held in the Church, immediately after which the Rev. J. B. Crist preached on the Resurrection, from I. Corinthians, xv, 54. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered to a large multitude of Christ's followers.

At 2 o'clock, the Rev. William Artz preached the Missionary Sermon, (Bro. Coffman, who was appointed to this duty, being indisposed) to a large and attentive congregation, when a very liberal collection was lifted, in favor of the Missionary and Education Society in connection with this Synod.

At night, Bro. Crist preached a thrilling sermon on the Judgment. The Lord was present. Fourteen anxious persons came forward to be prayed for and conversed with upon the subject of their Salvation.

May God water the seed here sown, and save the purchase of his Son's blood,

THIRD SESSION.

Monday 9 o'clock A. M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Bro. J. Scherer. The roll was called—the minutes of Saturday were read and confirmed.

Bro. J. Ingold, of the German Reformed Classis, was now introduced to this Synod, and invited to a seat as an advisory member of this body.

The Committee on the state of Religion now reported.

Report No. 4.

The Committee on the state of Religion beg leave to make the following Report:

1. We notice the adverse circumstances of the Church. And here, we remark, that much of the ground, which ought to be occupied by us, is still lying waste, —numbers of vacant Churches and destitute neighborhoods, call to us to come to their help, but the paucity of Ministers prevents a response to their petitions. Many of the people connected with us, it must be confessed, occupy a position in spiritual things, far beneath their duty and privilege. Vice of the worst forms corrode the vitals of the Church—her members often participate in those practices which are common among bad men. Zion yet mourns for lack of knowledge. "Search the Scriptures," is a divine precept, which with many, goes unheeded. "Pray without ceasing," is an Apostolic injunction, but meets no response from the majority of even the members of the Church.

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," was thundered forth with terrific grandeur from Sinai's top, and made of perpetual and universal obligation, and yet professed followers of Christ drive their teams and pursue their secular business on the Lord's holy day. Profane swearing is another of the most common sins in the Church. O! how these things cause the pious heart to bleed!

2. We rejoice to see the dawning of a brighter day. The Churches and people are waking up. The family altar of prayer and praise is erected, and a more general inquiry of "what must we do"? is now heard in the Churches. Several congregations have been much revived, the spirit of the Lord is with us, and we are glad to see sin giving way. Under its benign and hallowed influence, the dram shop closes, and whiskey wagons disappear. The voice of profanity is hushed, and that of prayer is heard. We hail this as the first fruits of an abundant harvest, and earnestly pray, "O Lord revive thy work.

WM. G. HARTER,
SAM'L ROTHROCK,
JACOB SCHERER.

Adopted.

The subject of vacant congregations referred to this session, now came up for reconsideration, when it was—

9. *Resolved*, That this whole subject be referred to the Ministerium.

The committee on Petitions and Vacancies now reported as follows:

Report No. 5.

Your committee on Petitions from Vacant Congregations, would beg leave to report on No. 3, which is a petition from St. Paul's and Newton Congregation, Catawba county. We recommend this subject to the earnest consideration of Synod, with the sanguine hope that efficient measures will be taken to supply that interesting portion of the church.

JACOB CRIM,
P. A. SEAFORD, Esq.

Adopted.

So much of the above report as refers to the supply of St. Paul's and Newton congregation, Catawba county, now came under consideration, when it was—

10. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to bro. Arey to supply the church in Catawba county, the coming year, provided he and the people can make arrangements which shall be mutually satisfactory.

The committee on Unfinished Business now reported.

Report No. 6.

The committee on Unfinished Business would respectfully report—

1. We direct the attention of Synod to the 16th resolution of last year, providing for a protracted meeting to be held near Second Creek, in the month of June last. And also, to the 17th resolution of a similar nature, providing for a protracted meeting to be held at Hopewell church, in the month of October last. It would appear desirable to hear the result of these meetings.

2. This Synod would be glad to hear from our delegates appointed to attend the synods of South Carolina and Western Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,
SAMUEL ROTHROCK,
JACOB CRIM.

Adopted.

The brethren appointed to attend these meetings referred to in the foregoing report, were now called upon to say whether they had attended to this duty. Those who had not, rendered in their excuses which were deemed satisfactory.

The Corresponding Delegate to S. C. Synod, now reported as follows:

Report No. 7.

Your Corresponding Delegate to the synod of South Carolina, which held its last annual meeting, at Sandy Run, Lexington District, Nov. 18th, 1848, attended to that duty, and was cordially received by that venerable body.

Adopted. JACOB CRIM.

Ordered, That bro. Crim receive $4 50, as travelling expenses to the synod of South Carolina.

Bro. Arey, Corresponding delegate to the Western Virginia synod now rendered in his excuse for not attending said synod, which was deemed satisfactory.

Ordered, That brother Harter receive the sum of 52½ cents for postage paid, &c.

11. *Resolved*, That $1 20 Centennary interest, paid in by brother Harter, from Bethel church be paid over to our Synodical Missionary and Education Society.

Bro. Hope's letter now came up for reconsideration, when it was—

12. *Resolved*, That we elect two Ministerial and two Lay-delegates to the Southern Church Convention, to be held in Concord, Cabarrus county, N. C., to convene on Friday before the first Sabbath in June next.

13. *Resolved*, That our delegates be instructed to oppose the establishment of a distinctive religious journal in our church, South; and that in all other matters they be left to their own discretion.

Several appeals from the church council at St. Enoch's church, a part of brother Coffman's charge, were now presented, when it was,

14. *Resolved*, That the Synod resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock, to hear the appeals brought up from St. Enoch's church, and the defence of the church council, with closed doors.

15. *Resolved*, That Synod now adjourn to meet again immediately after the rising of the committee of the whole.

Closed with prayer.

Tuesday Morning, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Pursuant to a resolution of last session, Synod now resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to hear the appeals of Messrs. Allen Rose and J. B. Coleman, sent up from St. Enoch's church After hearing all the evidence and circumstances in the case of brother Rose, it was—

1. *Resolved*, That brother Rose is entitled to and ought to receive a regular dismission from St. Enoch's church.

After hearing the grounds of the appeal of brother Coleman, and all the evidence and circumstances in the case, it was—

2. *Resolved*, That the whole case, respecting J. B. Coleman, be referred back to the church council at St. Enoch's for revision; and that a new trial be granted him.

3. *Resolved*, That the Committee of the Whole now rise, having attended to its business.

FOURTH SESSION.

Tuesday, 3 o'clock, May 8, 1849.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by brother Hopkins. The roll was called. The minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

Report No. 8.

Your committee to receive Synodical contributions, pay them over to the Treasurer elect and take his bond, would report the following as having been paid in, viz:

CONTRIBUTIONS

From Rev. J. D. Scheck's charge.

St. John's,		$12 00

From Rev. Samuel Rothrock's charge.

Organ church,	$7 00	
St. Stephen's church,	2 00	9 00

From Rev. Wm. G. Harter's charge.

Bethel church,	1 92½	
St. Paul's "	2 50	
St. James' church,	3 00	
Union "	62½	8 05

From Rev. Wm. Artz's charge, 4 75

From Rev. J. A. Linn's charge.

St. Paul's church,	2 47½	
St. Matthew's "	2 16½	
Luther's "	72½	5 36½

From Rev. B. Arey's charge.

St. Michael's church,	1 50

From Rev. J. H. Crim's charge.

Buncombe school house,	52½	
St. Matthew's church,	55	
Jerusalem "	25	1 32½

From Rev. J. H. Coffman's charge.

St. John's church,	2 00	
St. Enoch's "	3 00	5 00

From Rev. B. N. Hopkin's charge.

Union church,	2 00	
St. Paul's "	1 50	3 50
Total,		$50 49
This, added to the amount in the hands of the former Treasurer, which is		48 90
Makes a Total of,		$99 39

which amount your committee have paid over to the Treasurer elec and taken his bond for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. SEAFORD,

Adopted. C. MELCHOR.

The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole now reported ver bally, that all the business laid before said Committee had bee disposed of.

16. *Resolved*, That a committee of two Ordained Ministers an two Lay-men, be appointed in connection with the church council St. Enoch's church, to settle the case in relation to Mr. J. E Coleman.

Committee: Rev. Messrs. J. D. Scheck and S. Rothrock, an Messrs. Moses L. Brown and C. Melchor; said committee to mee on Friday before the 2d Sabbath in June next.

The Corresponding Secretary now reported.

Report No. 9.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY ON THE MINUTES OF SISTER SYNODS.

Your Secretary would respectfully report, that no correspondence relating t synod has been attended to by him during the past synodical year, inasmuch a no such correspondence was imposed upon him by this synod.

The following are the minutes of sister synods, which have come to hand, and which appear to have been intended for this body. The minutes of the synod of N. York, Virginia, Ohio, Tennessee; and the minutes of the Pittsburg synod, as published in the Missionary, South Carolina, English synod of Ohio and Western Virginia synods.

THE MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

This synod held its 53d annual session at Lower Red Hook, Dutchess county, N. Y., on Saturday, Sept. 2d, 1848.

There are thirty-six ministers belonging to this synod, four of which are Licentiates. They report 39 congregations; infant baptisms, 1370; adults, 39; confirmations, 381; admissions, 156; members 7,000; deaths, 125; sunday schools, 37; teachers, 242; scholars, 1560. Their contributions are as follows: To synodical fund, $83 46; for education purposes, $14 14; foreign missions, $106 38; domestic missions, $216 73; widows' fund, $55 00. In addition to the above we discover that they have contributed largely to other benevolent purposes, during the past year. Their officers are Rev. H. N. Pohlman, president; James R. Keiser, secretary.

MINUTES OF THE VIRGINIA SYNOD.

This synod convened in New Market, Shenandoah county, May 5th, 1848. Its officers are Revs. J. P. Cline, president; A. P. Ludden, secretary; and P. Schickle, treasurer. This synod numbers 17 ordained ministers and 2 licentiates. They report 37 congregations; infant baptisms, 144; adults, 71; confirmations, 215; admissions, 36; communicants, 1842; deaths of members, 21; sunday schools, 11; teachers, 63; scholars, 557; prayer meetings, 32. $70 were paid over into synodical treasury. They recommend that the pastoral charges of their synod pay the expenses of their ministers in going to and returning from synod.

This synod stands adjourned to meet again in German Settlement, Preston co., Virginia, on Thursday preceding the second Sabbath in May, 1849. $99 50 was paid into the education society; and ten individuals pledged themselves for $10 00 each for the ensuing year; and eleven individuals pledged themselves for $21 50 in less sums, making in all $121 50. Liberal contributions were also made to the home missionary society, and pledges given for the sum of $142 00 for the ensuing year.

MINUTES OF THE 6TH JOINT CONVENTION OF SYNOD OF OHIO.

It convened in Columbus. There are 61 ministers belonging to this synod. Its officers are, Revs. J. Mehling, president; T. C. Becker, secretary; and C. Spielmann, Treasurer.

Their Seminary, located at Columbus, is represented as being in a flourishing condition. Three individuals were solemnly set apart for the Gospel Ministry by the rite of ordination.

They report 173 congregations, 959 baptisms, 786 confirmed, 10,481 communicants, 561 burials, 42 sunday schools, and $337 54¼ collections. They have also an education society connected with their synod.

MINUTES OF THE PITTSBURG SYNOD.

This enterprising and efficient synod, though in existence but for a short time, is now composed of 23 ministers. They report 13 new churches erected within their bounds during the last synodical year, besides many others in progress of erection among them. They have organized 12 congregations, all of which appear to be flourishing.

Their officers are, Bishops GOTTLIEB BASLER, president; S. D. WITH, secretary; and Mr. GEORGE BUBLY, treasurer.

They report 75 churches, 35 preaching stations, 13 missions, 683 infant, and 45 adult baptisms; 518 confirmations, 276 admissions, 5000 communicants, 60 deaths of children, 28 Lutheran, and 36 Union, sunday schools; 500 teachers, 3482 scholars, 6029 volumes in libraries, 97 catechumens, and 41 prayer meetings.

Contributions for home missions, $975; foreign $37 51; tuition for indigent young men, $128 82; synodical treasurer, $81 18; local objects, $11000; other beneficial objects, $800. Total amount contributed, $12,952 52.

We hesitate not to say, that this synod is without a parallel for its zeal and efficiency in building up the church and promoting all the benevolent enterprizes of the day. Would to God that we in particular, and all other synods of our church, could imbibe more of their spirit; and like them could become more efficient in accomplishing that part of the work which God has assigned us.

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF TENNESSEE.

This synod numbers 24 ministers, 14 of whom were absent. The officers elect are, J. R. MOSER secretary, Revs. A. EFIRD treasurer, and H. WETZEL assistant secretary. Favorable notice is taken of the minutes of our synod. In reference to certain statements made by Dr. Hazelius in his history, called the "History of the American Lutheran Church," relative to their body, which they say are erroneous, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the Rev. A. Henkle, J. Stirewalt, J. Killian, Dr. S. G. Henkle, and Mr. Socrates Henkle, be appointed a committee to examine the statements referred to, and correct such errors as they may notice therein; and that they request the editors of the Lutheran Observer, Standard, and such other papers as may be deemed expedient, to publish such corrections in connection with this preamble and resolution.

In reference to a proposition made by some of the members of the Western Virginia Synod, to enter into a friendly correspondence with their Synod, by a reciprocal interchange of Delegates,

Resolved, That although it would afford us the highest gratification, and we most sincerely desire to see those who are one with us in name, also united in doctrine and practice; and in that case would most cheerfully unite and co-operate

with them in such measures as are calculated to advance and promote the cause of truth; yet we wish to be distinctly understood, that however much a union is desired, it can only be effected upon the assurance of a strict adherence to the doctrines and usages of our church, as set forth in its symbols, and until we can have this assurance, we, on our part, can consent to no such union.

We also notice a petition from St. Paul's church, Augusta county, Va., stating that the petitioners are opposed to any union of energies and resources between us and the New Lutherans, except on the condition, that they first renounce all their anti-Lutheran doctrines, measures, &c. It would appear that great stress was placed upon this petition, some way or other; as we find every word of it standing in italics. These brethren appear to take the symbols and usages of the Church, as their rule of faith. Much as we esteem and respect those things, yet we are frank to confess, that we can acknowledge no other rule of faith than that contained in the word of God. When symbols and usages correspond with this, we receive and endeavor to follow them. When not, it is the part of wisdom to reject them. And it is our humble opinion that if all were disposed not to place so much stress upon human inventions, and were willing to take the Bible for their guide, and were willing to be governed by it, we would not find so much difference of opinion and disagreement among brethren.

They report 430 infant, 20 adult, and 5 slave, baptisms; and 252 confirmations. Synodical contributions, $59 58. This synod stands adjourned to meet again at Beck's church, Davidson county, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1849.

MINUTES OF SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The officers of this synod are, Revs. J. C. Hope, president; G. Haltiwanger, Jr., recording secretary; J. F. W. Leppard, corresponding secretary; and Mr. H. Muller, treasurer of seminary; John Rouch, treasurer of synod; and Dr. Patrick Todd, treasurer of widow's fund.

The most important matter claiming the attention of this body, and upon which some action was had at the last meeting of synod, is the Southern Church Convention. This Convention was proposed to us by the brethren of the South, the objects of which were favorably received by this synod. But we are sorry to say that in our opinion one of the most important objects of that Convention, and one in which the most general interest was felt on the part of all the synods concerned, has been frustrated by the recent action of the synod of S. Carolina. The seminary, we presume, is now permanently located.

A Southern Church paper does not meet our approbation.

There are other matters which will claim the attention of said Convention. We recommend the appointment of delegates to represent us in said Convention. We are happy to learn that these brethren are going forward in the great and good work of training up ministers, and sending forth missionaries to the West, as well as aiding the foreign missionary enterprise.

They report, congregations, 39; baptisms, whites 239, colored 126; members received, whites 168, colored 65; communicants, whites 2644, colored 394; sunday schools, 18; teachers, 66; scholars, 370; charitable societies, 16; burials, 138.

ENGLISH SYNOD OF OHIO.

This synod numbers 10 ministers, three of whom were absent. Its officers are, Revs. E. GREENWALD, president; A. N. BARTHOLOMEW, secretary; and Mr. D. MANNING, treasurer. They report 29 congregations, 248 baptisms, 158 confirmations, 2076 communicants, and 57 deaths. These brethren appear to be laudably engaged in missionary enterprise.

MINUTES OF WESTERN VIRGINIA SYNOD.

This synod has in its connection 10 ministers, 2 of which were received at this meeting of synod. The officers are, Revs. J. A. BROWN, president, and E. HAWKINS, secretary; and Mr. J. J. GREEVER, treasurer.

We discover that this body appointed a committee to address a friendly letter to the Tennessee synod expressive of the wish of their synod to hold a friendly and christian correspondence with them. We are happy to see that the collegiate institution now under the fostering care of this synod, is in a growing and prosperous condition. We would recommend this Institution to the confidence and support of this synod. This synod has elected delegates to attend the Southern Church Convention with instructions to vote against the establishment of a Southern Church paper.

They report 23 congregations, 124 baptisms, 78 confirmations, 1633 communicants, 27 deaths, 13 prayer meetings, 1 sunday school and 135 scholars; and 33 Bible classes.—Rev. J. A. Brown was appointed corresponding delegate to this synod, whom we were pleased to see in our midst.—This synod stands adjourned to meet again in Pine Grove Church, Roanoke county, on Saturday before the first Sabbath in September next, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Your Secretary would earnestly recommend to all the Evangelical Lutheran Synods in the United States of America the propriety of furnishing your Corresponding Secretary with all the minutes and papers intended for him at least two weeks before the meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

Adopted. BENJ. AREY, Cor. Sec.

The delegates to the last General Synod now reported.

Report No. 10.

Your Delegates to the General Synod, would respectfully offer the following report: The last convention of this body was held in the city of New York, in the month of May, 1848; and it was one of the largest and most interesting meetings

that it has ever held. Your Delegates were received with a kind welcome, and had extended to them those hospitalities which caused them at once to feel themselves in the presence of brethren, who were engaged in one common cause, that of advancing the best interests of our beloved Church, who is striving to do her part to bless our Country and the world, with the light of the glorious Gospel.

Fifteen District Synods, were represented in it by 41 clerical, and 30 lay-delegates, who were nearly all in attendance.

Three new Synods, viz: that of Illinois, the South West, and Wittenburg, were received into connection with it.

Very interesting reports were presented to the Synod on the following subjects: "The *Revision of the Hymn Book;*" the *Publication* and *Price* of the Hymn Book; *Christian Union*, the *Liturgy*, the *State of the Church*, and *Foreign Correspondence*.

Among the transactions of the General Synod, there are several items to which your attention is respectfully directed by your delegates. On page 7 of the proceedings is contained the report of the Treasurer of the Lutheran Pastor's Fund, and a vote of thanks to the Lutheran Book Company for several appropriations to said fund. We recommend that the delegates to the next General Synod be instructed to inquire into the nature and objects of this fund, and upon what terms persons become entitled to its benefaction.

The subjects of Temperance, Church Music, and Parochial Schools, were recommended to the attention of each district Synod.

In conclusion, your delegates would beg leave to say, that they have returned to their homes with increased confidence in the piety and self-denial of the ministers composing the General Synod,—their works are before the world, and their praise in all the churches.

That the General Synod has been instrumental in doing much good is abundantly evident from the excellent publications which emanated from members of that body, which have done more to enlighten the public mind in this Country, with regard to the doctrines of our church, than was previously effected during half a century. It has brought the ministers and members of our churches to a closer union, and a more intimate acquaintance with each other. It has excited a spirit of enlightened zeal and activity in our churches, and with the blessing of God, will exert an influence that will be felt through all coming time.

Submitted with deference,

J. D. SCHECK,
MATTHIAS BARRIER.

Adopted.

The Committee on Finance now reported.

Report No. 11.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to say, that they have examined the reports of the Treasurers of the Synod, Seminary, and Centenary Funds, and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. SCHECK,
JOHN BARRINGER,
SOLOMON SEAFORD.

Adopted.

CENTENARY TREASURER'S REPORT.

John M. Smith, Treasurer of Centenary Fund, reports as follows:

Principal now in my hands, - - - - -	$474 50
Interest to present time, - - - - - -	28 47
Amount, - -	$503 97

JNO. M. SMITH, Treas.

17. *Resolved*, That $23 82½ cents, interest arising from Centenary money be paid over to the Treasurer of the Missionary and Education Society.

18. *Resolved*, That $56 50, Centenary money, paid in by C. Melchor, Esq., be paid over to bro. J. Crim, and he requested to pay the same to Col. J. M. Smith, Treasurer of Centenary Fund.

19. *Resolved*, That the interest accruing from the Seminary Fund be added to the principal, which shall entitle us to a Directorship in the Seminary at Lexington, S. C.

The Treasurer of our Seminary Fund now resigned his office, when Synod went into an election for a new Treasurer, which resulted in the choice of Mr. Moses Barrier.

20. *Resolved*, That a committee of two be appointed to settle with the former Treasurer of Seminary Fund, pay the funds over to the Treasurer elect, and take his bond.

Committee: Rev. S. Rothrock, and C. Melchor, Esq.

21. *Resolved*, That brother Harter receive $50 00, as per 15th resolution of the minutes of last year.

22. *Resolved, That all motions or resolutions hereafter offered by the members of Synod be written before presented.*

Brother Coffman and his lay-delegate now asked leave of absence during the remaining session of synod, which was granted.

Brother John Barringer, also asked leave of absence, and it was granted.

Synod now went into an election for delegates to the Southern Church Convention, when Rev. Messrs. J. D. Scheck and J. A. Linn, ordained ministers, and Messrs. C. Melchor and P. A. Seaford, were chosen from among the laity.

DELEGATES ELECTED TO GENERAL SYNOD, AND TO SISTER SYNODS.

To General Synod.—Rev. B. Arey, and Col. John Shimpoch.

To South Carolina Synod.—Rev. J. A. Linn.

To Western Virginia Synod.—Rev. Sam'l. Rothrock.

23. *Resolved*, That the Secretary have 1,000 copies of the minutes of Synod printed: that two copies be sent to each synod in the United States, and five to those with whom we are in regular correspondence.

24. *Resolved*, That Rev. B. N. Hopkins, having taken charge of congregations in our bounds, be received as a full member of this Synod.

The place of our next meeting was now balloted for.

St. Michael's, Iredell county; and St. Matthew's, Rowan county, were in nomination. On counting the votes it appeared that St. Matthew's was chosen, being under the pastoral care of the Secretary.

25. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod be cordially given and presented to the people composing St. John's congregation for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the present meeting of Synod.

26. *Resolved*, That Synod now adjourn to meet again on Thursday before the first Sabbath in May, 1850, at the place above selected, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The President now closed the proceedings of this Synod with appropriate religious services,

JOS. A. LINN,
Recording Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

Monday, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Ministerium met and was opened with prayer by the President.

A memorial was received from the church council of the Lutheran congregation in Concord, informing this Ministerium of a charge involving the moral honesty of the Rev. Wm. H. Harter, arising out of a money transaction, which the said Harter had with Mr. Daniel Isenhour; and which had obtained circulation much to the discredit of Mr. Harter, and to the injury of his usefulness as a Minister of the Gospel.

After a letter from Mr. Isenhour himself, was read; and the statements of the gentlemen referred to in the memorial were heard and duly weighed, it was,

1. *Resolved*, That the imputation of fraud in the transaction with said Isenhour referred to, and which was amply detailed in his letter, and in the statements of the witnesses, does not attach to Rev. W. G. Harter.

The Ministerium now adjourned to meet again to-morrow evening at the House of Mr. Daniel D. Ridenhour.

Closed with prayer.

SECOND SESSION.

Tuesday evening, May 8th, 1849.

The Ministerium met and was opened with prayer by bro. Harter.

So much of the President's Report, as related to brother Coffman's resignation of the church in Salisbury, and which was referred to this Ministerium, now came under consideration, when it was,

II. *Resolved*, That brother Coffman, having resigned the charge

of his church in Salisbury, in due form, and yet continuing as the Pastor thereof. without giving notice to this Synod, has acted unconstitutionally.

Brother B. N. Hopkins, having made application for a renewal of his license, it was,

III. *Resolved*, That brother Hopkins be examined to-morrow morning, preparatory to his licensure.

IV. *Resolved*, That this Ministerium adjourn until to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Closed with a benediction.

THIRD SESSION.

Wednesday morning, 8 o'clock.

The Ministerium met, and was opened with prayer by the President.

Brother Hopkins was now invited into the Ministerium, when the President conducted the examination.

V. *Resolved*, That brother Hopkin's examination be sustained, and that his license be renewed.

VI. *Resolved*, That this Ministerium now adjourn, *sine die*.

Closed with a benediction.

JOS. A. LINN,
Sec. of Ministerium.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION SOCIETY

OF THE

EVAN. LUTHERAN SYNOD OF N. CAROLINA.

PURSUANT to adjournment the Society met on Monday, 2 o'clock, May 7th, 1849, at St. John's church, Cabarrus county, N. C. The object of the Society was then explained, and its claims presented to the congregation, when fifty persons became members of the Society.

The Society next proceeded to an election of officers, for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Rev. S. ROTHROCK, *President.*
" J. D. SCHECK, *Vice President.*
" J. H. COFFMAN, *Secretary.*
Mr. P. A. SEAFORD, *Treasurer.*

The Treasurer of the Missionary and Education Society, sent in his report, which was received and referred to a committee.

Committee: Matthias Barrier, Esq., Dr. James McEachern and Rev. Mr. Harter.

I. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to take in all money intended for this Society, and pay it over to the Treasurer, and take his bond.

Committee: C. Melchor, Esq., Dan'l Ridenhour and J. A. Fisher.

The President then made the following appointments.

Executive Committee: Revs. J. A. Linn, B. Arey, and B. N. Hopkins.

Board of Directors: Rev. W. G. Harter, P. A. Seaford, C. Melchor, Daniel Barrier, Matthias Barrier and Dr. McEachern.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF LAST YEAR.

As Chairman of the "Executive Committee," I have no report to make other than the grant to Robert M. Jones, for the sum of $30 00, it being in two orders; one dated July 4th, 1848, for $20 00; the other dated Jan'y., 1849, for $30 00.

Respectfully,

J. B. ANTHONY, Chairman.

[illegible]. *Resolved*, That the "Executive Committee" be authorised to employ a Missionary for the space of six months, to visit and preach in all the destitute portions of our Church.

The President then appointed Rev. J. H. Coffman, to preach the Missionary and Education sermon at the next annual meeting of this Society.

On motion the Society then adjourned, to meet again to-morrow, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

SECOND SESSION.

Tuesday, 2 o'clock. P. M.

The Society met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Secretary.

The minutes were read and adopted.

The committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts, now made their report, which was received and adopted.

STATE OF THE TREASURY—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCES.

In hands of former Treasurer, in cash, notes, and order,	$456 63
Contributions.—Rev. W. G. Harter,	7 02½
" B. Arey,	1 20
" J. D. Scheck, of St. John's church,	18 46½
" J. A. Linn,	5 00
" J. H. Coffman,	5 00
" J. B. Anthony,	5 00
Received by collection,	15 05
	$513 36½

For which amount we have taken the Treasurer's bond,

Respectfully submitted,

C. MELCHOR,
D. RIDENHOUR,
J. A. FISHER.

III. *Resolved*, That this report be referred to the committee whose duty it is to receive all money due this Society, and pay it over to the Treasurer, &c.

IV. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized to bring suit against Mr. John Crimminger, to recover from him the money due this Society; and that the expenses of the suit be paid out of the funds of this Society.

V. *Resolved*, That extracts of the proceedings of this Society be printed with the Minutes of Synod.

VI. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn, to convene again on Monday, at 2 o'clock, at the place of the next meeting of Synod.

J. H. COFFMAN,
Sec. Miss. and Ed. Society.